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In re Application of

Howard et al.

: DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 10/813,032 Filed: March 31, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 1487.0100002

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on August 12, 2004.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d), petitioner has submitted a copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in Application No. 09/590,588, filed on June 8, 2000. The present application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/590,588. Furthermore, a copy of the decision, mailed on April 13, 2001, granting a petition in Application No. 09/590,588 to accord § 1.47(a) status to the prior application has been placed in the file of the present application.

As Rule 1.47(a) status was granted in the prior application, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. The Notice to File Missing Parts of June 14, 2004, was mailed in error.

As no petition is necessary to accord Rule 1.47(a) status in this application, the petition is dismissed, as involving a moot issue.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), because notice was provided after the grant of Rule 1.47(a) status in the prior application, the Office is dispensing with the notice provision in this divisional application.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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